

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Docket No. : 102435.57576US
Customer No. : 23911

Title : Endoscope Comprising a Flexible Probe

REQUEST FOR REFUND

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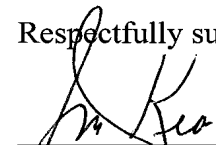
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.26(a), request is hereby made for a refund of, \$450, half of the \$900, fee already paid in connection with the filing of the above-identified National Stage application on April 28, 2006.

A Supplemental Application Data Sheet claiming Small Entity Status is being filed in this application concurrently herewith.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time Sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any such fee or any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 05-1323, Docket No.: 102435.57576US.

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